

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ART
Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2023 at 5:30 pm
Ridge Conference Room

Committee Members:

Cal Kenney (Chair)
Vacant
Judy Basker - **Absent**
Diane Dahlgren (Vice Chair)
Michael Holzinger – By Teams
Robyn Forbes
Sulaiha McDougall - **Absent**
Deanna Morse - By Teams
Rebecca Shane

City/Staff/Council Liaisons:

James Conway (Staff Liaison)
Vanessa Ogier (City Council)

Guests:

1. **Roll Call:** Chair Kenney called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. **Introductions:** None
3. **Public Comment:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes for February 14, 2023.

MOTION/VOTE

Member Morse moved, and Vice Chair Dahlgren seconded the motion to approve the minutes from February 14, 2023, as presented. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”:
Chair Kenney, Vice Chair Dahlgren, Member, Holzinger, Forbes, Morse, and Shane.

“NAYS”: None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Members Basker and McDougall.

The motion passed.

5. Action Items:

a. Public Art of the Month:

- Chair Kenney passed around the Public Art of the Month (March) and mentioned it was Janet Higgins piece at the Confluence. The Public Art piece is the Black Tailed Steel. Chair Kenney said it is located in between E and F streets.
- Next Month (April) Public Art of the Month will be one of the bears. Possible bears might be the Police Station Bear, Post Office Bear, and the Fire Department Bear.

b. Review: Strategic Goals for 2023

- Chair Kenney asked City Council Liaison Ogier to update the group on the City Council Strategic Goals. She gave a brief overview of the planning process and how many goals they receive from all the committees.
- The committee asked about the process and how committee goals get selected to be on the strategic plan. City Council Liaison Ogier answered and provided clarification to the committee on the process. Member Morse asked about the downtown upstairs spaces and the committee discussed briefly about this goal on the strategic plan.
- City Council Liaison Ogier informed the group on this goal and that there are state regulations that state that communities will have to create these spaces. She continued to share the purpose of urban renewal dollars and how it is created to stimulate this and growth.
- The committee briefly discussed the budget process that Council goes through and if Council will fund the Public Parking Lot Art and Alley Beautification Projects.

c. Discuss: Grants Project:

- Member Shane updated the committee on grants she has been researching (as a part of the subcommittee). She collected 5 to 6 grants for organizations and Member McDougall found many grants that are for individual artists, where CoPA can encourage them to apply.
- Member Shane said that to apply for these grants CoPA must build a case and present a “story” during the application so we can draft up incredible grant proposals. Staff Liaison Conway briefed the committee on the grant process where all grants must go through the city.

d. Update: Art Box Project

- Staff Liaison Conway updated the committee about the city applying for a grant from the Four Way Community Foundation to help fund the next 5 art boxes. He said that the city is asking the Four Way Community Foundation for \$3,000 and \$500 from the Josephine County Cultural Commission.
- The committee discussed the theme and what can and can not be used on the utility art boxes. Member Holzinger informed the committee of ODOT rules that guide what can be put on the state- right- ways (highways).
- Vice Chair Dahlgren suggested to the group to focus on 6th Street for the location of the Art Boxes. After a quick discussion and agreement Vice Chair Dahlgren made a motion to recommend the locations to City Council.

MOTION/VOTE

Vice Chair Dahlgren moved, and Member Shane seconded the motion to recommend to City Council to approve five more ODOT utility boxes to be completed as part of the “Utility Art Box Project.” The five locations are 6th and A streets, 6th and D streets, 6th and J streets, 6th and L streets, and 7th and L streets. The vote resulted as follows: “AYES”: Chair Kenney, Vice Chair Dahlgren, Member Holzinger, Forbes, Morse, and Shane. “NAYS”: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Members Basker and McDougall. The motion passed.

6. Mattes from Committee Members and Staff

- Staff Liaison Conway updated the committee on the Art Map. He said that he is meeting with management to get something going and will work with Visit Grants Pass to get the map going. Chair Kenney suggested to have the Art Walk Map available at the public library.
- Staff Liaison Conway updated the committee on Art in Motion and the Call for Artists that was made available to the public.
- Staff Liaison Conway updated the committee on the Beaver Lot project and let the committee know that Bob Eding will be signing the agreement.

7. Future Agenda Building for Next Meeting

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next meeting date: April 11, 2023, at 5:30 pm in the Ridge Conference Room.

Minutes prepared by James Conway, City Staff Liaison.